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Dear Mr. Musgrave

We received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 20 September 2012. Your request was assigned USNORTHCOM FOIA case number FY12-21SEP2012-NNC68. In your request letter you asked for the following: the Defense Support of Civil Authorities report produced by the Department of Defense after Hurricane Katrina outlining lessons learned by DOD from the disaster.

After performing a search of our systems of records we found the following responsive documents:

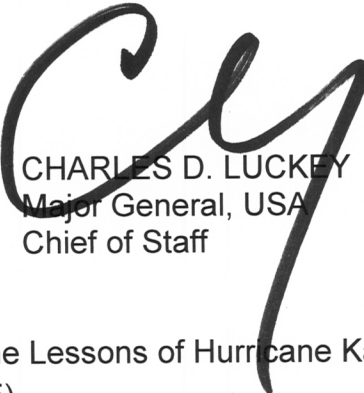
1. Hurricane Katrina Lessons Learned – White House (February 2006).
<http://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/reports/katrina-lessons-learned/>
2. Hurricane Katrina Full Report – US Senate (May 2006)
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CRPT-109srpt322/pdf-CRPT-109srpt322.pdf>
3. GAO – 06-808T – HURRICANE KATRINA Better Plans and Exercises Need to Guide the Military's Response to Catastrophic Natural Disasters
<http://www.gao.gov/assets/90/82271.pdf>
4. Defense Support of Civil Authorities – Applying the Lessons of Hurricane Katrina (Not dated)
5. National Guard After Action Review Hurricane Response (21 December 2005)

The first three documents can be found on the internet at the locations listed above and are not included in this response as they are publically available. The fourth document (Attachment 1) we have determined to be partially releasable as page 58 has portions exempt from mandatory disclosure under FOIA exemption (b)(6) as the release of the exempted information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The authority for this exemption can be found in the United States Code, Title 5, Section 552 (b)(6). The fifth document (Attachment 2) has been referred to the

National Guard Bureau (NGB) for release determination. The NGB Freedom of Information Office will provide you with a final response.

If you have any further questions concerning your request, please do not hesitate to contact our FOIA Request Service Center at the above address.

If you are not satisfied with our Commands' response on your request, you may administratively appeal to Mr. James Hogan, Chief, Policy, Appeals and Litigation Branch, Office of Freedom of Information, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington DC 20301-1155. Your appeal should be postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter, cite our case number FY12-21SEP2012-NNC68, and it should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal" on the request.



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Attachment:

1. Defense Support of Civil Authorities – Applying the Lessons of Hurricane Katrina
2. NGB Final Report – Hurricane Response (Dec 05)